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Former Fugitive Pleas to State Tax Evasion and Other Charges

LAS CRUCES – Former international fugitive Richard Gene Guy pleaded no contest before State District Court Judge Douglas R. Driggers on June 20 to 17 felony counts stemming from a Grand Jury indictment in March 2005. "You can run but cannot hide from paying your lawful, fair share of taxes. Once again, this proves our commitment to enforce tax laws for all New Mexicans," stated Rick Homans, NM Secretary of Taxation and Revenue.

In the spring of 2005, Special Agents from the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division contacted the U. S. Marshals Service for assistance in locating and apprehending Guy. According to the U. S. Marshals Service, Guy left the United States and arrived in Iraq in 2005 to work as a truck driver. Guy seemed to have disappeared in Iraq in 2005 for several months before being located in Kuwait in November 2006. The Diplomatic Security Service and Army Criminal Investigations Division in Kuwait kept Guy under surveillance until the Kuwait Ministry of Interior agreed to expel Guy on immigration violations. Guy was arrested by Kuwait officials in July 2007 and was deported and escorted from Kuwait to the United States by Deputy U. S. Marshals from New Mexico. Guy arrived in New Mexico in August 2007.

In March 2005, Guy was indicted on 17 felony fraud and State of New Mexico tax evasion counts relating to his construction company operating in Dona Ana County in 2002 and 2003. According to the Plea Agreement, Guy faces a possibility of 55 years incarceration and \$75,000 in fines as well as restitution to the victims. The sentencing hearing has not yet been scheduled.

The case was a result of an investigation by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division and the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department, and prosecuted by the Third Judicial District Attorney's Office in Las Cruces.

To report suspected tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.

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